

Founded in the fall of 2013, the Bozeman Dharma Center (BDC) has just celebrated its 10th birthday! This report shares the highlights of 2023.

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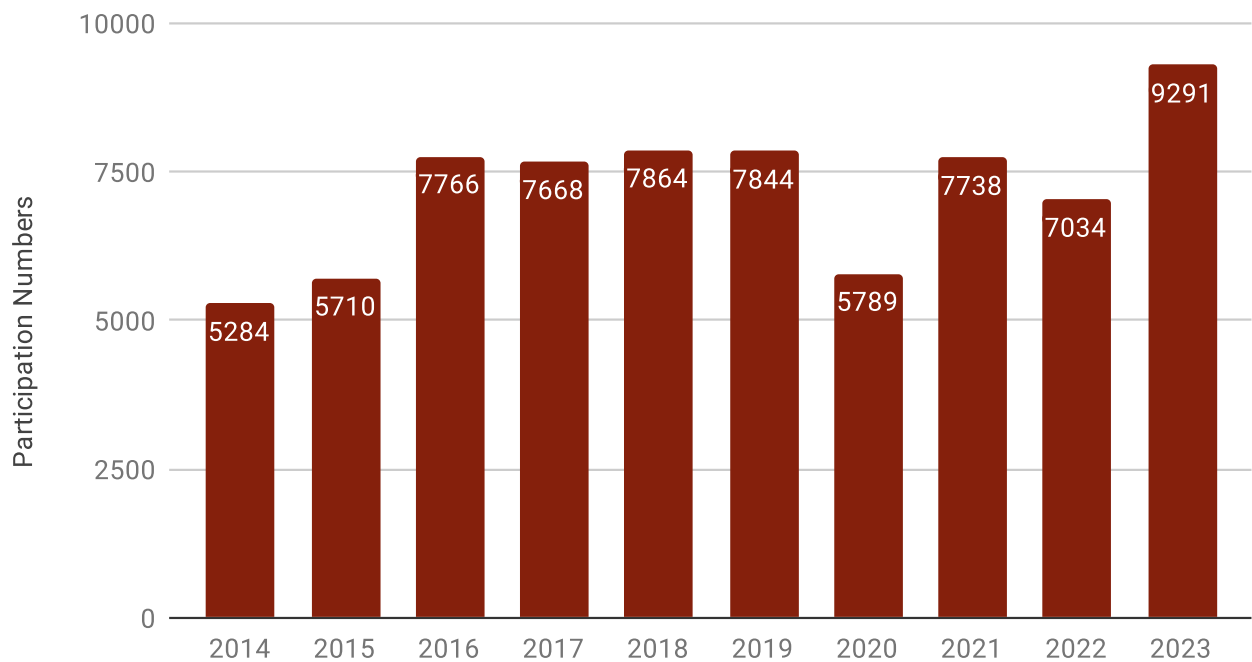
The **OFFERINGS** of the BDC are opportunities to explore the Buddha's teachings through the practices of multiple traditions. We offer classes, retreats, sitting groups, and drop-in meditations in person and online.

SHARING THE DHARMA

A Place to Practice

BDC is the home of six different weekly practice groups (Sanghas) in the Zen, Theravadan, Plum Village, and Tibetan traditions. We also offer drop-in sits allowing anyone interested to gather together to meditate silently. In 2023, we offered nine half-day sits, seven day-long retreats, three book groups, five classes, four community events and hosted seven nationally-known teachers. Over the year, we hosted 693 drop-in sits and 347 sangha meetings. We had more participation in 2023 than in any prior year in our history.

Annual Participation Numbers



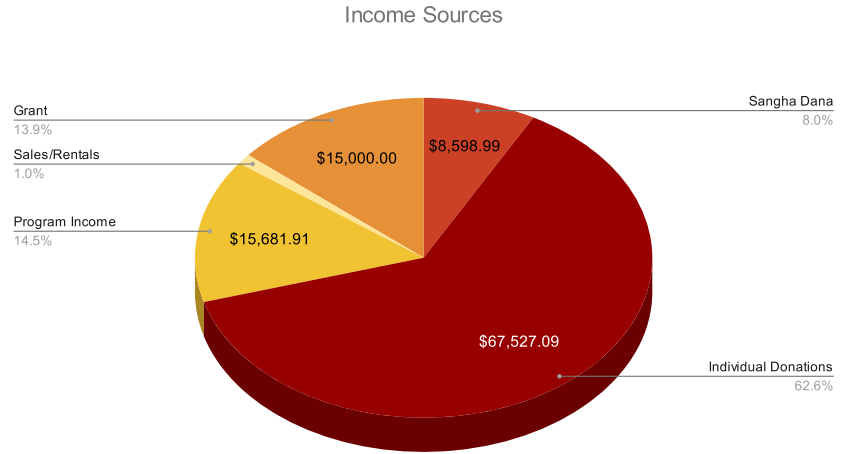
Meeting Needs

Many in our community have moved away or prefer to meet remotely due to health concerns. Some of our members prefer to only meet in-person. The BDC attempts to meet various needs with some hybrid programs, some in-person only and some programs offered only through Zoom. Fifty-three percent of the people participating in our programs do so over Zoom while 47% attend in person.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income

BDC receives income from a variety of sources including a foundation grant, program registration fees, and space dana offered by the sanghas. Our biggest source of income is through individual donations offered monthly and in response to Give Big, our Annual Appeal, and the Executive Director salary campaign. Our 2023 income was \$124,934.

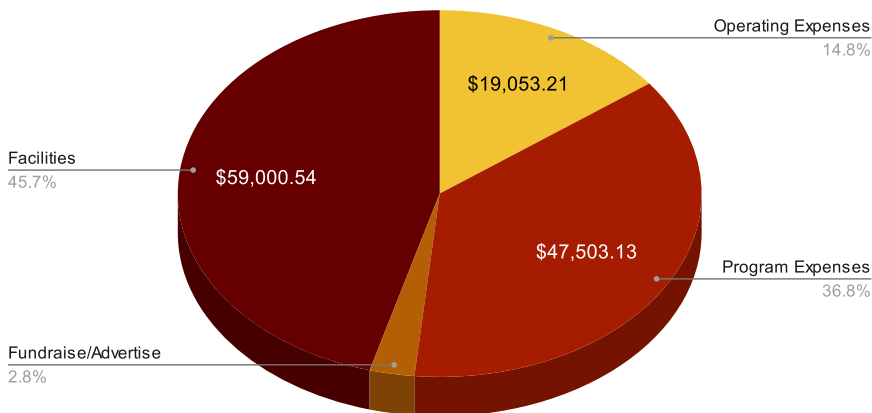


Volunteers

We could not operate without the many volunteers who help maintain the space, flowers, library, and volunteer to support programs. In 2023, 40 volunteers contributed over 2000 work hours-- an estimated value of \$54,579!

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Volunteer
Hours

Expenses



Expenses

Nearly 50% of our total operating expense is for our leased space. Program expenses include Internet fees, teacher travel and financial support. Operating expenses include office supplies, accounting software, postage and a portion of internet and phone fees.

Our two staff members spend about 60% of their time working on programs and 30% of their time on administrative tasks or operations. Our 2023 expenses totaled \$129,137.

Offered Freely

The Bozeman Dharma Center is committed to never turning away people for lack of funds. All events are offered on a sliding scale with full scholarships available. In 2023, 22.6% of people received some financial assistance to attend our programs, a value of \$3250.